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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: William M. Sugden, et al.
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For: INHIBITION OF VIRAL GENE ACTIVITIES
Group Art Unit: 1648
Examiner: U. Winkler

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the October 2, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified case, Applicants request that the following remarks and amendments be entered.

In the Specification:

On page 14, line 52, please remove "ranilla" and insert -renilla--.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 15, 17 and 18 as follows.

15. (Amended) A method of screening candidate molecules for the ability to disrupt viral looping/linking factors comprising:

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